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### VISITORS MANY THIS YEAR.

Numerous opportunities will present themselves this summer to entertain visitors from afar. July 13 the national council of Congregational churches will pass through La Grande about noon, east bound; July 17 a special train of Elks, enroute home to Fort Worth, Texas, will be in La Grande about the noon hour; on July 20th Elks from New Haven, Conn., will pass through, again at about the noon hour; a few hours later will come a special train from New Orleans, carrying Elks; just about July 21st, 600 Middlewestern homeseekers will spend the best part of a day in this valley. These are but a few of the visitors that will crowd through La Grande during a fortnight. They must have attention and it is high time La Grande commenced to prepare. It is going to mean a great deal of work, liberal donation of time and gas by auto owners, for auto rides are always a popular means of entertainment.

### SPENDING AN EVENING AT HOME.

Has anything taken the place of the evening at home? Can people of La Grande assure us there is more happiness here now than there was when the family circle encompassed the reading lamp; when some member of the family read aloud a beautiful story, a lecture, or, perhaps, the Holy Bible?

Is there a man who will arise and say that progression of the right kind has been achieved when, instead of the family circle, we hurriedly eat the evening meal and the family scatters like sheep. Perhaps mother and father hover over a card table until midnight, sons and daughters have their fraternities, shows, pool rooms, or automobile spin. Does it outclass the night when wisdom, mirth and good nature prevailed with perhaps an argument on some topic on the day?

Of course it does not!

When will there be a change of present-day living, for a change must come else a nation of over a hundred million people will continue this restlessness until something breaks.

### KNOWING ONE'S SUBJECT.

Regardless of complexity, any subject becomes a simple matter in the hands of the master. Rare gifts of explanation have been attained by some. J. A. Ford, of Spokane, is one of those who can stand up and explain a proposition with perfect clearness. At the Ad club dinner last evening Mr. Ford laid bare the intricacies of the freight rate question with such rare skill that any grammar school student might understand. The complexity of rate structure vanishes when Mr. Ford gets the floor. Several businessmen of affairs came far to hear him, and they probably will never again hear the inter-mountain rate question discussed with the clearness they did last night.

### THE NEW AGE.

The reasons given for his resignation as head of Western Reserve University by Charles F. Thwing ought to be of general interest. Dr. Thwing is the dean of American college presidents. He is still vigorous, and is regarded by the trustees as capable of discharging his duties acceptably for years to come. But he views the matter in a different light, and explains about as follows:

"An era of American education is ending. Another era is about to open. We are now on the eve of it. We must prepare for the work that will come with morning.

"What this new time will bring, what demands it will make of the colleges and other institutions of learning, I do not know. I doubt whether any man knows. The only sure thing is that things are changing, that it is a time of momentous transition, that educational purposes and methods are likely to change. There is destined to be a tremendous development, and there will have to be a corresponding readjustment and expansion to suit the needs of the future.

"It is not for any man to bridge two ages, and do his work in both. My work is in the age that is passing. There must come other men for the work of the generation now dawning. And any man who is to bear the burden of the new time should enter upon the work early enough to take it up in the beginning and go through with it."

Here is an utterance that is calculated to shake almost anybody thoughtful. The point applies primarily to education, and there it is obviously very important. What it is to happen to this great body of instruction which is already so big a factor in shaping the youth of America? Many educators confess that even now they are at sea. They realize that they are not meeting the problem of Americanization of aliens and of properly combining culture, technical training and character-building. H. G. Wells, the British author and prophet, is concerned with this very problem of why the young hereafter shall learn and how they shall be taught.

But the matter goes deeper. If there is really to be a "new age," it

is going to affect every department of life. Everywhere there will be needed new leaders, with minds fresh and imaginative enough to realize what the new conditions demand, and with youth and vigor enough to "go through with it." It is a challenge to all young and middle-aged men capable of leadership.

### A STRANGE ALIEN PROBLEM.

An Ohio sheriff is confronted by a strange problem. In his already overcrowded jail are 16 aliens who have been adjudged insane by the probate court. Because they have not become citizens of this country he cannot send them to either the state or local asylum, and because they have been in this country for more than five years they cannot be deported unless they are convicted of some crime against the government.

Such cases are vexing those who have the matter in charge. They are also pitiful as regards the alien himself.

Such immigrants, it will be readily agreed, should never have been admitted in the first place. Once here, there should be provision for taking care of them. It is one more illustration of the woeful inadequacy of the present immigration laws.

### DEATH FOR KIDNAPPERS

Representative Sigel of New York has introduced a bill in the house which would make the kidnapping of children a federal offense, punishable by death. If the death penalty is ever sustainable, it is surely for this crime.

The kidnapper, of all offenders, deserves the least mercy. He plots deliberately against innocent and defenseless childhood, and thrusts the child strikes untold agony into the hearts of its parents, hoping, in the vast majority of cases, to reap money from that agony.

If he commits his crime because he is mentally unbalanced, he might better be put to death than that any chance be taken of such weakness being set free to menace society again. If he is sane and merely mercenary

### IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



### THE OFFICE CAT



Here's to the man in a motor car. Who sets the juice on high. Who wrinkles his nose at the price of clothes. And makes the dust mount high.

Why expect everything in the future? Why not enjoy a part of the present.

Ye city Editor says one reason or revengeful, far more certainly he should be put out of the way.

There is no doubt that crimes against children are on the increase in this country. Present measures for the protection of childhood being inadequate, it is time more strenuous treatment was tried.

To a mere, unsophisticated private citizen, it looks as if congress might save more money out of the 93 per cent of war expenditures than out of the other 7 per cent devoted to constructive governmental purposes.

You can't convince a profiteer that when he pays excess profits taxes in good times the government shouldn't pay him an indemnity in bad times.

why one should respect his enemies is because of all the free publicity which is received.

The quickest way to get through a crowd is to stay away from it.

The fellow who discovered that Egypt had jazz bands and home brew 500 years previous to the Christian era cannot be credited with affording much consolation to the Christian era.

Now Don't Start. If women would confine their educational efforts to their own children the world would be better.

Summer Schauer lives in Osborn, Ohio.

A man can fool some people about his ability, but he can't fool the women.

"I give it up, Mr. Bones," said the interlocutor. "What is the difference between a young man, an old man and a worm?" "There ain't no difference, the chicken eats them all."

### Kind Words Never Die.

A colporteur sat, in grim dismay; The world seemed blue as indigo—just then.

Somebody said, "I read your stuff each day. And like it"—then the world was bright again!

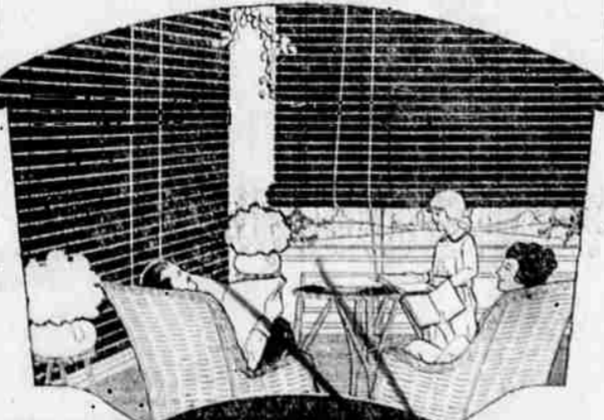
### Signs.

He wonders what the deuce is the matter with his clothes when people look at him.

She wonders what's wrong with her clothes when people don't look at her.

Some Curious Birds and Beasts Which I Have Met Up With. (By Our Own Jack Burroughs.) Many of my readers have inquired: "How do you find all them

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things out about them birds and beasts?" In the present article I shall try to enlighten those curious souls. In the first place, in order to be a success as a naturalist, one should wear O'Hooligan's rubber boots. (See Briddle's What Naturalists Wear, p. 7683). That O'Hooligan's boots are admirably adapted to a naturalist's needs is shown by what has become of the old fashioned man that used to carry quill tooth picks in his vest pocket.

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- Chewing gum, 3 pkg 10c
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- Bread pans..... 15c each
- Palm Olive and Creme Oil soap 2 bars..... 15c
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